

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 and new claims 21-25 are in the application.

Claims 1-3, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reich U.S. Patent No. 4,827,515.

Independent claim 1, as amended herein recites in part as follows:

“... wherein said input signal is sampling rate decimated by a decimation factor of D with regard to said received frequency demodulated stereo-multiplex signal.”

It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Reich applied by the Examiner (hereinafter “Reich”) do not disclose the above-identified feature of claim 1. Accordingly, amended independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Reich.

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claims 3, 10, and 12 are believed to be distinguishable from Reich.

Claims 2 and 11 depend from claim 1, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Reich for at least the reasons previously described.

Claims 4-9 and 13-20 were rejected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner’s assertion that claims 4-9 and 13-20 contain allowable subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4-9 and 13-20 depend from one of claims 3 and 13, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from the applied prior art for at least the reasons previously described.

New claims 21-25 depend from claim 1, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from the applied prior art for at least the reasons previously described.

In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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